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STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Dual Credit for Early Completers Program

Advanced Opportunities for Idaho Students

Division of Student Engagement & Postsecondary Readiness

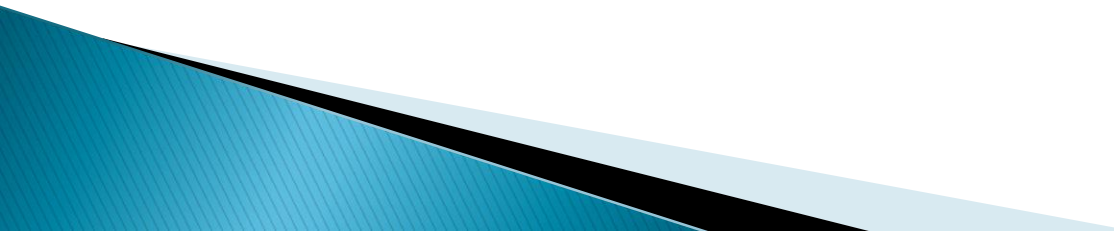


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Agenda

- ▶ Overview of the Dual Credit for Early Completer's program
 - ▶ Who qualifies for the program
 - ▶ Benefits of enrolling students
 - ▶ Requirements of administrative oversight
 - ▶ Q & A
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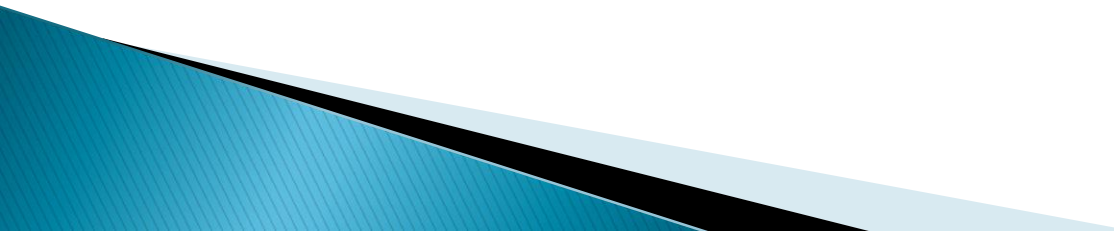
This program is designed to assist students who have completed all state high school graduation requirements prior to the beginning of their final twelfth grade semester or trimester term enroll in Dual Credit Courses and earn college credit while in high school

This program supports the State Board of Education's goal that 60 percent of Idahoans between the ages of 25 and 34 attain a postsecondary degree or credential by 2020.



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Program Goals

- ▶ Help Idaho students with costs associated with Dual Credit Courses
 - ▶ Students enroll and successfully complete a dual credit or professional–technical education course during their eleventh and/or twelfth grade year, earning college credits
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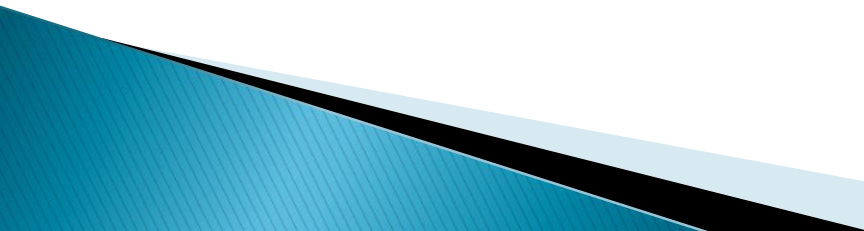
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- ▶ Program is open to any student who has completed all the state's high school graduation requirements, excluding the senior project and any other course that the state board of education requires to be completed during the final year of high school.
- ▶ Students can take up to eighteen (18) credits per semester or twelve (12) credits per trimester term of postsecondary credits.
- ▶ Students are eligible to receive reimbursement for college credit-bearing advanced placement examinations.

Dual Credit for Early Completers

Program Parameters

- ▶ SDE will reimburse the district \$75 per college credit earned.
 - ▶ Credits received by the student to be reimbursed must be from an accredited postsecondary institution.
 - ▶ Student are required to remain enrolled at the high school to have their college credits reimbursed.
 - ▶ If the student takes a majority of courses off high school campus, it does not affect the ADA public school funding.
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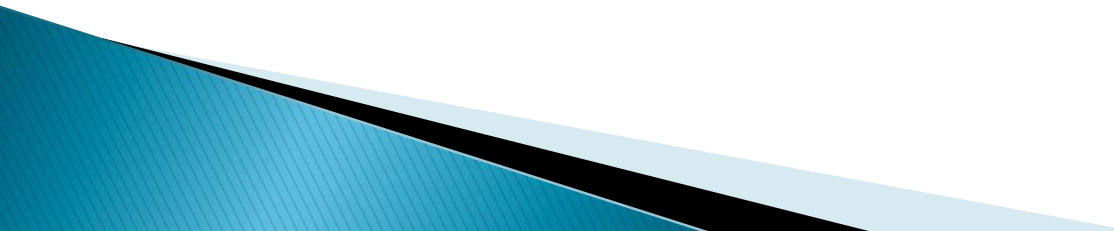
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Program Parameters

- ▶ SDE will reimburse up to six (6) college credit bearing examinations per semester or four (4) per trimester, not to exceed \$90 per exam.
- ▶ Exams that qualify for reimbursement:
 - Advance Placement (AP) course exams
 - College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
 - International Baccalaureate Exams (IB)

Dual Credit for Early Completers

Program Parameters

- ▶ If the student fails to earn credit for any courses for which the department has paid a reimbursement, the student must pay for and successfully earn credits for one course or exam on their own to receive any further reimbursements.
 - ▶ Districts receive reimbursements for Dual Credit for Early Completers courses regardless of grade earned.
 - ▶ Districts to monitor student standing in program.
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Students Responsibilities

- Enroll and successfully complete Dual Credit Course
- Students need to research which Dual Credit classes would be of benefit to them
- Must be aware that the grade is on their transcripts and affects high school GPA
- Research their intended college degree and see if their Dual Credit courses meet their postsecondary goals.



Students Responsibilities

- Research federal financial aid parameters to determine any detrimental impacts.
- Pell Grant Lifetime Eligibility

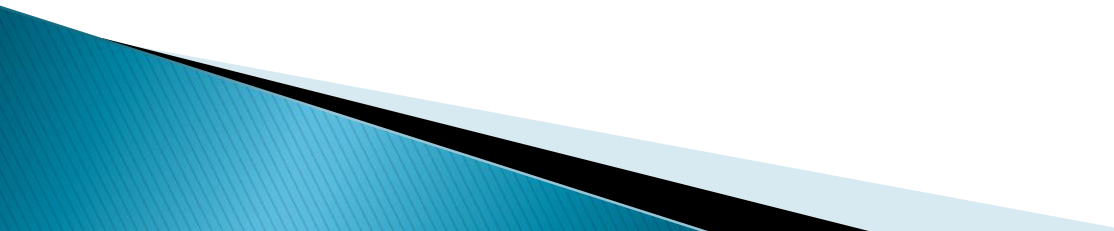


Benefits of the Program



- ▶ College credits paid for by SDE
- ▶ Students who take dual credit are 2.2 times more likely to enroll in a 2-year or 4-year college, 2 times more likely to return for a second year of college, and 1.7 times more likely to complete a college degree, according to a October 2012 Jobs for the Future study conducted in Texas.
- ▶ Students graduate with their peers and have a head start on postsecondary requirements
- ▶ Potential savings to students and their families (\$\$\$)

District Oversight

- ▶ Identify students who are Early Completers
 - ▶ Identify student's courses that qualify under the program
 - ▶ Identify method of course payment
 - District covers course cost upfront (recommended)
 - Parent/student covers cost of course and district reimburses parent/student
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District Oversight

- ▶ SDE reimburses \$75 per Dual Credit course under the Early Completers Program*
- ▶ Reimbursement distributed to districts in February and June of each year
- ▶ Reimbursements will be triggered by ISEE data upload



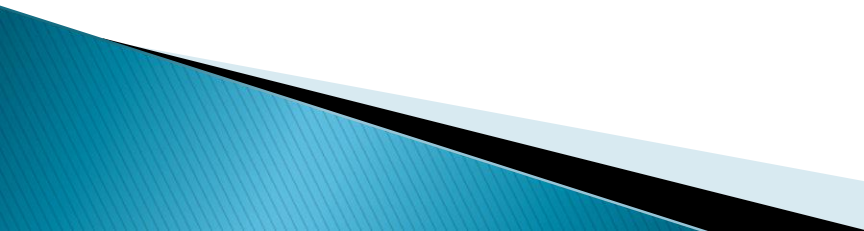
District Oversight

- ▶ Dual Credit for Early Completers required data for reimbursement:
 - Student Course Enrollment File
 - Course Code
 - Course Name
 - Course Type
 - Course Type Name
 - Course Entry Date
 - Course Exit Date
 - Course Exit Reason

District Oversight

- ▶ Dual Credit for Early Completers required data for reimbursement continued:
 - Student Course Enrollment File
 - Dual Credit – **Check Box**
 - Is an Early Completer– **YES**
 - College Credit issued – **YES**
 - \$ per credit paid for class – **Amount per credit**
 - College Credits Offered – **This will trigger amount of payment**
 - College ID
 - College Issuing Credit – **Must be an accredited postsecondary institution**

Challenges Identified

- ▶ Variable Student Information System configurations at the district level
 - ▶ Mapping Courses
 - Trimester vs Semester
 - No cookie cutter approach
 - Variance in local graduation requirements
 - Identifying eligible courses
 - Misunderstanding of program intent and requirements
 - Dearth of high school teachers not qualified to teach dual credit courses
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Upcoming Events

- ▶ Idaho Prevention Conference
April 17–18, 2014



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Questions?

- ▶ Additional information about all SDE Advanced Opportunities can be found at:

<http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/advancedOpp/>

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